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SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE CASE: IMPACT IN THAILAND

1. AS NOTED SEPTELS, THE HUMPHREY ESPIONAGE CASE HAS  
SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE  
UNITED STATES. SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS PASSED TO THE  
VIETNAMESE WERE REPORTS FROM BANGKOK. UNTIL WE HAVE A  
BETTER READING OF THE NATURE OF ALL THE MATERIAL INVOLVED,  
IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THERE  
WILL BE REPERCUSSIONS ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THAILAND. WE  
HAVE, HOWEVER, REVIEWED ON A PRIORITY BASIS ONE OF THE  
APPARENTLY MORE SENSITIVE COMPROMISED MESSAGES -- BANGKOK  
5108 ON LAO RESISTANCE ACTIVITY -- WHICH IS CITED IN THE  
INDICTMENT. YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS TELEGRAM, AS WELL  
AS THE MORE GENERAL ISSUE OF THE HUMPHREY CASE, WITH  
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FONMIN UPPADIT OR SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE RTG OFFICIAL.

2. DESPITE THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED  
IN BANGKOK 5108, WE HOPE THAT THE DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONS  
WITH THAILAND CAN BE MINIMIZED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

-- THE MESSAGE IS PRIMARILY A COLLATION OF SCATTERED INFORMATION PRIMARILY DEALING WITH THE NATURE OF THE LAO RESISTANCE ITSELF. ONLY TWO PARAGRAPHS (PARA 8 AND 10) MENTION THAI RELATIONS WITH THE RESISTANCE. THEY DO NOT INDICATE A GREAT DEAL OF THAI SUPPORT NOR DO THEY INDICATE THIS SUPPORT STEMS FROM THE TOP LEVEL OF THE RTG.

-- THE REPORT DOES NOT NAME THE THAI SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

-- THE INFORMATION IS FROM MARCH, 1977 AND REPRESENTS THE POLICIES OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.

-- ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN THE DOCUMENTS WERE DELIVERED, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THAI-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS HAVE NOT SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF HANOI'S KNOWLEDGE. THE BANGKOK VISIT OF NGUYEN DUY TRINH IN JANUARY WENT WELL AND RELATIONS ARE MOVING FORWARD.

-- OTHER COMMENTS YOU BELIEVE APPROPRIATE.

3. DESPITE MINIMAL DAMAGE FROM THIS CABLE, THE THAI MAY WELL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE POLITICAL REPORTING WE ARE DOING FROM UDORN. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED TO THE RTG THAT BANGKOK 5108 WAS A ROUTINE POLITICAL REPORTING TELEGRAM BASED ON OPEN CONTACTS AND NORMAL DIPLOMATIC COLLECTION OF INFORMATION. REPORTING  
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ON THE LAO RESISTANCE IS, OF COURSE, OF CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO THE USG IN VIEW OF ACCUSATIONS OF OUR INVOLVEMENT.

4. OTHER DOCUMENTS: MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE SHEER VOLUME OF EMBASSY BANGKOK REPORTING WHICH HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND LISTED TO THE GRAND JURY MAY CAUSE RTG CONCERN ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF ITS CONFIDENTIAL USG RELATIONS. WE MUST ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT THE CONTENT OF AT LEAST SOME DOCUMENTS WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. YOU MAY THUS WISH TO SEEK TO REASSURE THE RTG THAT WE ARE REVIEWING ALL KNOWN COMPROMISED DOCUMENTS FOR THE IMPACT THEY MIGHT HAVE ON INDIVIDUALS OR CURRENT POLICIES. ANY ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RTG. APPROPRIATE RESULTS OF OUR ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PROVIDE COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION UNLESS WE CAN APPROPRIATELY DO SO WITHIN THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY OUR CRIMINAL PROCEDURES.

5. FYI: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY CABLES BEARING

SPECIAL CAPTIONS SUCH AS EXDIS WERE LIABLE FOR COMPROMISE.

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